

Benefit concert

The Baumholder American High School Student Council is putting on a patriotic benefit concert starting for the victims of the tragedies of Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. Nov. 1 at the high school gym. All cash donations collected at the door will go toward disaster relief funds. Many music groups from the community will be performing.

Some of the performing groups already verified are the Wetzel Elementary School Choir, the local gospel choir, the Protestant Choir, the High School Advanced Band, and the High School Chorus. There will also be soloists from the community. The Baumholder American High School National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society and cheerleaders will also be involved in the event. The NHS will read patriotic readings in between each group's performance.

Retirement briefing

A pre-retirement briefing is scheduled for 9 a.m. Nov. 30 at the Baumholder transition center. For more information call mil 485-6943.

OCS board

An Officer Candidate School board is scheduled for Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the TSD small classroom. The board is open to any qualified enlisted soldier who is interested in becoming a commissioned officer. For more information contact Sgt. 1st Class Jarvis Jennings at the 222nd Base Support Battalion headquarters, Bldg 8698, room 3 or call mil 485-6150/7255. All packets of soldiers who wish to apply must be completed

and turned into the 222nd BSB adjutant officer by Nov. 20.

Give blood

A blood drive is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 13 in the Hall of Champions. All units, adult family members and civilians are encouraged to participate. If you are unsure if you are eligible to donate, have questions, or would like to volunteer your time and talent, call Sgt. Anka Anderson at mil 485-6357 or the Blood Donor Center at 486-7107.

Be an Angel

The Army takes care of its own and what better time of year to fulfill this commitment than during the 2001 holiday season. The Baumholder Community Service Club has created the Angel Tree to benefit children of families who are in need.

The Angel Tree will be located in the post exchange and will have ornaments with a child's age, gender and wish gift (under \$20) placed on it. Members of the community then pick an angel, purchase the gift and drop it off, with the angel attached, at designated drop off spots. The BCSC will distribute these gifts to the units the week before Christmas. All angels not pulled from the tree or not turned in will be given a gift, paid for by the BCSC.

The program was created for children, between the ages of birth

through 12 years old whose families qualify for the free lunch program or belong to a family designated as in need.

For more information about the Angel Tree program call Stephanie Lovell at civ (06783) 980357 or email imbiss_sl@yahoo.com.

Picture this

How recent is your family portrait? Local parent, teacher, students associations and parent, teacher organizations have a special offer for families in the Baumholder community.

From Nov. 8 through 11, a photographer from Wesmoor Studio in Tennessee will be in the area to take family portraits. For just \$10 families will receive a 10x13 color family portrait mounted on a canvas panel. Extra portraits will be available for purchase when the 10x13 family portrait is picked up. No one, however, one is obligated to purchase any additional prints. Portraits will be produced on high quality paper and all work is guaranteed.

The photographer will be holding sessions in the Neubrücke community on Nov. 8, in the Wetzel area Nov. 9 and the Smith area on Nov. 10th and 11. For more information on photo session locations and available times contact your area's elementary school PTSA or PTO.

A time of giving

The holiday season is traditionally a time of giving and helping others and Army Community Service is getting into the spirit by starting up their Holiday Food Certificate Program.

Coordinated by ACS Financial Readiness Program, this food-certificate program provides a gift certificate for seasonal foods for needy families in the Baumholder community.

Units, clubs, organizations and individuals are asked to support the program with cash donations. Monetary donations can only be dropped off at Chapel One or ACS. Checks should be made payable to 104th ASG CCF with Chaplains "Helping Hands Fund" on the memo line. Contributors may drop the checks off at ACS or mail them to CDR, 222nd BSB, Unit 23746, ACS (CAFAP) Box 2 APO, AE 09034. Deadline for donations is close of business Dec. 14.

Contributors last year made the Holiday Food Certificate Program one of the best ever, according to ACS officials.

Contact ACS at mil 485-8188 for details.

Lend a hand

National Family Volunteer Day is Nov. 17 and is based on the idea that families who volunteer together benefit at least as much as those they seek to help and that family involvement in community service promotes its value to a younger generation.

Bring your family and help paint and beautify the new Scout Hut, Nov. 17 at 9 a.m. For more information on this event contact the Baumholder Installation Volunteer Coordinator, Tracy Grice, at mil 485-8188.

Story hour

Army Community Services Outreach Program is offering story hour/tot time, every second and fourth Thursday of the month. Contact ACS for more information and story times.

Spouses club

The International Spouses Club meets in the ACS lounge from 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Tuesday of each month.

AFTB training

The next Army Family Team Building Level I training is Nov. 7. Level IV Instructor Training is offered Nov. 5-8. Family Readiness Group training will be Nov. 7-8. All training will be in the AFTB classroom. For reservations or for information to set up training for a unit or FRG, call the AFTB office at mil 485-8542/8188. Students need to sign up for classes two weeks in advance to receive free child care.

Foster care

Army Community Foster Care Program is looking for Foster Care Families.

A Foster Care Program is designed to provide a needy child with a temporary home in which she or he can find love, happiness and protection. Foster Parents are people who know that parenting is not easy. They are familiar with the stresses of raising a family and are ready to help out in a crisis. All interested families should contact the Foster Care Coordinator, at mil 485-8188 or civ. 06783-6-8188.

NOW or never

Baumholder NOW - Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome is a program for spouses in the Baumholder military community. This is a three-day orientation designed to welcome and inform spouses of military members and civilian employees to Baumholder by providing relevant information and developing skills for living in this unique environment. Spouses will learn about Germany and the local com-

munity through briefings on customs and a survival German language and cultural adaptation class. Spouses, new to the military or not, will also have an opportunity to attend an introductory class to the Army life-style. Field trips on the economy will provide them with practical skills in using German public transportation and local shopping. Free transportation and child care is available for all registered participants during the orientation. All participants must register with ACS, to learn more about this program stop by ACS in Building 8746 or call mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188.

ACS calendar

Oct. 30 - Stress and Time Management Skills

Oct. 31 - Conflict Resolution Skills, Making A Large Purchase

Nov. 5 - Successful Parenting, Baumholder NOW, AFTB Level IV Instructor Training

Nov. 6 - Stress and Time Management Skills, Baumholder NOW, AFTB Level IV Instructor Training

Nov. 7 - Conflict Resolution Skills, Banking and Checking Accounts, Baumholder NOW, AFTB Level IV Instructor Training, AFTB Level I Training

Nov. 8 - Blended Families, Level IV Instructor Training, FRG Training, Story Time

Nov. 12 - Veterans Day (ACS closed)

Nov. 13 - Anger Management and Coping Skills, AFTB Communications Day

Nov. 14 - Building A Positive Self Esteem, How to Obtain A Credit Report, AFTB Communications Day

Nov. 15 - Love and Logic Parenting

Nov. 17 - National Family Volunteer Day (Scout Hut beautification)

Nov. 19 - Successful Parenting, Military Family Week (Nov. 19-25)

Nov. 20 - Stress and Time Management Skills

Defend yourself

A free self defense clinic by martial arts master Thomas Felder is scheduled for 6 p.m. Nov. 2 in the Hall of Champions. Felder has 30 years experience in the martial arts. He trained in five martial arts disciplines, and has achieved black belts in three, Chinese Goju, Tae Kwon Do, and Karate. Other styles he's trained in include Wing Chun and Tenshin.

The clinic will include an introduction and lecture by Felder, floor invitation, warm up, self defense illustration, practical exercise and a question and answer session.

Child care providers earn more than money

By Hildegard Bragg
Family Child Care Director

Would you like the opportunity to run your own business out of your home while providing a valuable community service in support of the mission of the 222nd Base Support Battalion?

Family Child Care Providers offer a loving and educational home environment for children. Providers care for children in small groups, up to six children at a time. They receive free, intensive training by Child and Youth Services. The training mirrors that required of Child Development Center staff such as child development; CPR, first aid; child guidance; medication administrations and more. Providers are helped in planning learning activities and supporting optimal development of the children in their care by home visits from the Training and Curriculum Specialist and on-

going training. The FCC director and health, safety and fire proponents ensure health and safety standards in the home.

Subsidy payments supplement a provider's income. Subsidies are received for food, as well as infant, toddler, hourly, special needs, and extended hours care. The FCC program grants providers an initial start-up stipend and has a lending closet with furniture, books, toys, art materials and more.

If you desire to work at home, enjoy working with children and families, and appreciate the opportunity for growth and professional development, then the Family Child Care Program might be the place for you. For further information contact the FCC office at mil 485-6588.

Here are seven easy steps toward becoming an FCC provider:

- Pick up an application from CYS, Building 8743, second floor,

mil 485-7003.

- Return completed application and background clearance forms.

- Attend FCC Orientation (scheduled for Oct. 31 or Jan. 30).

- Attend FCC Training (Nov. 13-21 or Feb. 11-20).

- Complete fire, safety and health inspections.

- A family interview will be then be conducted by the FCC staff.

Read on and find out what a child care provider thinks about the program.

A provider's point of view

By Anita Foster
Family Child Care Provider

I have been a Family Child Care Provider since November 2000 and

I really enjoy what I do. Now, the job can be a little hectic at times, but if you love taking care of children, then you will be all right.

In my opinion, as a provider, you have a many benefits and challenges to explore.

It can also be a rewarding experience, if you love what you do. This is a job that you can't get into just because you hear about how much money you can make. It's true you do make a good amount of money, but more importantly, you have to be dedicated to the children. If you're in it because of the money, you will not last long. You will get stressed out.

Let's look at some of the advantages of being a provider:

- You have hands on experience as you pursue a career in early childhood education.

- You can earn your Child Development Associate once you have completed the necessary modules.

- You receive monthly training and inspections every six months and annually.

- If you have your own children in the program, you get to watch them in their developmental growth as they interact with other children and they get to make new friends.

Most importantly, you can help a child learn how to use all the necessary skills to live. You also have one-on-one care to help children with their social, physical, and cognitive development.

Those were some of the advantages. Let's weigh the good with the bad and look at some disadvantages to being a provider:

- Your family may not adapt to the changes taking place in the home.

- You will encounter some rude parents, but you can end up with some nice ones too.

- There will be times that some parents will try and take advantage of you. That is to be expected. Don't let it discourage you.

- It will become stressful if you don't allow some individual time for your family after hours. Don't let them think that their home is turned all around and things will never be the way they used to be.

All in all, this is a very important job. A lot of parents expect us to provide a loving, clean, healthy and safe environment for their children, as well as caring for their child's social and developmental needs. So come on and join us in making a brighter future.

Education notes

Study guides available

The Army Learning Center now has 2001/2002 edition CLEP, GED, and ASVAB study guides available to be checked out. Contact Laurie Williams at mil 485-6484 for more information.

Field rep visits

The University of Oklahoma Field Representative from Ramstein Air Base will visit the Baumholder Army Education Center on Nov. 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. People wishing to discuss the University of Oklahoma's graduate degree programs are invited to meet with the university's representative. The representative may be reached daily at Ramstein mil 480-6807.

Follow the leaders

Ready to work on your college degree but not sure which way to go? Follow the leaders in distance education, City Colleges of Chicago-Europe. They offer 230 courses in a wide variety of concentrations, including all basic general requirements.

Courses are offered in a variety of delivery modes: video/audio cassette. Email, the internet, CD-ROM or computer-based instruction, depending on the course you choose. Field representatives, located at your education center, can help with enrollment, and guide and mentor applicants throughout course work. Courses are portable and can be taken with you when you deploy or PCS. City Colleges of Chicago-Europe offers 30 years of experience in

education for the military in Europe. Visit their home page at: www.ccc-e.org.

A full refund

Soldiers enrolled in classes with the University of Maryland during Term I who must withdraw from class due to additional duties associated with the recent terrorist attacks on the United States can receive a full refund of their tuition from the University of Maryland. Visit the Baumholder Army Education Center for a copy of the paperwork needed.

Adult education

Registration for Baumholder's Adult Education Program is now in progress. Courses being offered include Conversational German I and II, Basic Computer Skills, and English as a Second Language. Call Bill Badger at mil 485-6487 for more information.

Users must test

People who use the computers located in the Army Learning Center, or the University of Maryland's Computer Lab, are required to complete the on-line USAREUR Computer Users Test. This test can be taken at any location that has computers connected to the Army's local area network.

A copy of the users license must be shown before using the computers. Taking the test on the same day you wish to order a military correspondence course may be difficult due to the limited number of computers on-hand, so plan ahead. For

more information, call Lonnie Allen at mil 485-6484.

GI Bill changes

Public Law 107-14 recently approved by the Congress addresses the use of the Top-Up provision for those who use the Montgomery GI Bill. Changes presented by this law will affect the Montgomery GI Bill entitlement so soldiers should talk to an education counselor if they have used the Top-Up provision already. Call the education center at mil 485-6487 for more information.

Convert and benefit

Active duty members with VEAP education benefits may be eligible to convert to the more lucrative Montgomery GI Bill Program. Visit the Baumholder Army Education Center today to see if you qualify. It is not necessary to have money in your VEAP account to convert. Call Bill Badger at mil 485-6487 for more information.

Learning center hours

The Army Learning Center, Building 8108 is now open Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Friday hours remain 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Center is closed daily from 1 - 2 p.m. for lunch. Visit the Learning Center for CLEP, GED, SAT, ACT, AFCT, and MOS study material. You will also find an on-line bookshelf with the latest Army regulations and pamphlets. Call Lonnie Allen at mil 485-6484 for more information.

Native American speaker set for annual observance

The Baumholder community presents Dwight D. Birdwell as guest speaker for Native American Month on Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. at the Wagon Wheel Theater.

Birdwell graduated from Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK in 1972 in the top ten percent of his graduating class and was the recipient of numerous Am Junior awards from the University of Oklahoma College of Law, Norman, OK in 1976.

Mr. Birdwell served in Vietnam and was awarded the Silver Star for heroism in battle on Jan. 31, 1968.

He was awarded a second

Silver Star and a Purple Heart for heroism in Battle on July 4, 1968.

Birdwell practiced law for 24 years in Oklahoma City, OK, concentrating in Energy, Natural Resources and Indian Law. He was a former member and Chief Justice of The Tribunal, which is the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation.

Birdwell is the coauthor of a book titled "A Hundred Miles of Bad Road," written from his experience in Vietnam and published in 1997.

Everyone is invited to attend this presentation commemorating Native American Month.

Consolidation proves successful for club

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava
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"Consolidation of many different programs at the Rheinlander started about one year ago. Things like the Cyber Zone, car rental and food and beverage catering were brought together in a family friendly atmosphere," said Dallas Peterson, business operations division chief.

The recent completion of a project that included refurbishing the ballroom floor as well as fully renovating the dining room and bar culminated a yearlong effort to turn the club around and make it a consolidated facility for the benefit of the Baumholder community.

Dinner is now offered Tuesdays through Saturdays and lunch is available Mondays through Fridays, all with the aid of Fritz Denne Catering, who specializes in soups and desserts.

Putting the club back on its feet was truly a community effort that included assistance from Baumholder's German neighbors.

The dining room has been remodeled from top to bottom, to include new carpeting and wallpaper. The wallpaper being courtesy of the Baumholder Community Service Club.

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~~"Volunteers assisted in remodeling a~~ couple of rooms that can be used for unit functions and a unique and innovative concept was implemented to fund the renovation project. In cooperation with the caterer, the club system and Bitburg Brewery, Bitburg Brewery agreed to front the resources and assist with the remodeling of the facility," said Peterson.

The idea was to have an entertainment and dining facility hub. Customers at the Rheinlander can enjoy fine dining, a drink with friends, surf the net at the Cyber Zone, or rent a car and get out and explore Germany.

Making all these services happen is Terry Little, the Rheinlander Club manager, "He is a hard working manager who runs the day to day operations with a we're here for you attitude," said Peterson.

And this attitude and new concept are paying off. "We went from being one of the lowest profit producing clubs to one of the highest in one year. I think we have one of the finest facilities in USAREUR," said Peterson. "Our chef is one of the finest that I have had the pleasure to be associated with in my 20-year career. The Rheinlander's dinner menu is comparable to that of a German gasthaus and the club is safe and secure on post," he said.

"We've designed the entire Rheinlander program to be family friendly. We show movies in the lobby for the children on Fridays and Saturday nights. We have a large area just off the veranda so that parents can eat while the children play in a park-like setting.

"The menu is designed and priced so that



Photos by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

The solid cherry wood bar is the BIB's showcase attraction. The bar provides a comfortable warm ambiance to the newly renovated facility.



The dining room offers a comfortable dining environment as well as a menu comparable to a German Gasthaus.

there is something for every member of the community," said Peterson

The Rheinlander's bar, better known as the BUB, is another aspect of the Rheinlander success story. It too has been renovated with the assistance of Bitburg Brewery. The freshly painted walls and remodeled rooms complement its showcase attraction, a solid cherry wood bar with all new equipment that gives the facility a sort of old English pub ambience. "The BUB is open Tuesdays through Saturdays for beer calls, right arm night, and all those things that help build and develop the camaraderie and esprit de corps that we are so proud of here in Baumholder," said Peterson.



Customers surf the net at the Rheinlander's Cyber Zone. Customers can also check their email and keep in touch with friends and relatives back home.

CSM says let's maintain our focus

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

222nd Base Support Battalion
Public Affairs Office

The 222nd Base Support Battalion has a new command sergeant major on board. With the closure of Bad Kreuznach, Command Sgt. Major Jose A. Fontanez found himself out of a job in Germany only after a 12-month tour. The timing was perfect for him and his wife to pick up the reigns and take over as the top NCO team for the 222nd BSB since the old guard, Command Sgt. Major Angel DeJesus, was nearing his retirement date.

"I'm glad to be on board and I look forward to working with the 222nd BSB team and the rest of the Baumholder community, both German and American," said Fontanez.

"It's time for a new set of eyes," said DeJesus. "If you stay in one place too long you have a tendency to not see things that are broken and it takes someone new to carry on and make the organization better than it already is," he said. "It is time for a changing of the guard." DeJesus made these comments during the 222nd BSB Hail and farewell Oct. 17.

"When I took over, I was told that my predecessor had been court-martialed. My God, I said, what have I gotten myself into?"

~~DeJesus admitted he had no idea~~ what he had gotten himself into when he took over as command sergeant major for the 222nd BSB. "When I took over, I was told that my predecessor had been court-martialed. My God, I said, what have I gotten myself into? I decided not to let that worry me and just press on and do my job." And press on he did. Four commander's later, DeJesus was still getting the job done.

After a new commander has been on board in the BSB for a while they all discover the same thing, commanding a BSB is nothing like commanding an infantry battalion or any other Army unit. The commander needs to rely heavily on the sergeant major to get the job done and to get it done right, whatever the challenge. "I never had to worry about that," said Lt. Col. Eric Wagenaar, 222nd BSB commander. "I would just look at the sergeant major and he'd give me an acknowledging nod of the head and I knew

he was on it and he would just take off and get the job done. And it would always be done right," said Wagenaar.

DeJesus was a line soldier for more than 20 years and in his opinion his last battalion was the best battalion in the Army. "I could have put that battalion up against any other battalion in the army. It was that good," he said. He thought he could never be in another organization as good as that. "Then he came to Baumholder and discovered he was wrong, sort of. The 222nd BSB team, in his opinion is the best team of its kind. "The 222nd BSB is, in my opinion, the best BSB in USAREUR," he said.

DeJesus said that in his 29 plus years in the Army, he has had two excellent battalion commanders. Pointing to Wagenaar, DeJesus said, "That man over there is one of them."

An organization is only as good as its members and DeJesus eluded to that by saying that hiring the right people is one of the keys to success. "You need to go out and look for the right people instead of waiting for them to come to you," said DeJesus "ITC for example can be a real pain in the behind but we've never had to worry about that here because Susan Mitchel (ITC manager) goes out and looks for the right people to hire," said DeJesus.

It's no secret that DeJesus is an avid golfer so he used that facility as another example of hiring the right people. "The golf course has always been a big management problem but we are now making progress in the right direction," he said.

"A BSB is a very different animal. It's a real challenge," he said. "It has, however, given me the opportunity to work not only with soldiers but with civilians as well, German and American." One can't ask for a better working and learning environment," he said. "So when people ask me if I'm ready for the 'outside' I say don't worry, I got it," he said.

In closing the sergeant major said "We need to get over that event on the eleventh and move on. We should not come to a halt just because of that. We need to maintain our focus on what we are all about and get on with our work. If we get all wrapped around the axle with post security and other such things we're going to lose our focus. We need to just get on with our work."



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Sporting his Legion of Merit, Command Sgt. Major Angel DeJesus reflects over his time as the command sergeant major for the 222nd Base Support Battalion during a hail and farewell luncheon Oct. 17.